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Latest Seasonally Unadjusted Unemployment and Job Estimates for Local Labor Markets in Massachusetts

BOSTON, MA - [Local unemployment rates decreased in thirteen labor market areas](#), increased in three areas, and remained the same in eight areas in the state during the month of April, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported.

Compared to April 2016, the rates were down in nine labor market areas, increased in ten areas, and remained the same in five areas.

[All fifteen areas for which job estimates are published recorded seasonal job gains in April](#). The largest gains occurred in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Springfield, Barnstable, Worcester, and Framingham areas.

From April 2016 to April 2017, twelve of the fifteen areas added jobs, with the largest percentage gains in the New Bedford, Barnstable, Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury, Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton, and Boston-Cambridge-Newton areas.

In order to compare the statewide rate to local unemployment rates, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the statewide unadjusted unemployment rate for April was 3.8 percent.

Last week, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported the statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 3.9 percent in the month of April.

The statewide seasonally adjusted jobs estimate showed a 3,900 job gain in April, and an over-the-year gain of 58,600 jobs.

The unadjusted unemployment rates and job estimates for the labor market areas reflect seasonal fluctuations and therefore may show different levels, and trends than the statewide seasonally adjusted estimates.

The estimates for labor force, unemployment rates, and jobs for Massachusetts are based on different statistical methodology specified by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

NOTES: The preliminary May 2017 and the revised April 2017 unemployment rates, labor force data and jobs estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Thursday June 15, 2017; local unemployment statistics will be released on Tuesday, June 20, 2017. Detailed labor market information is available at www.mass.gov/lmi. See the [2017 Media Advisory](#) for complete list of release dates.

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